

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By Chairman Ron Stoker, on April 4, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ron Stoker, Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJR 48, 3/30/2007; HJR 52,
3/30/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HJR 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:01 Rep. Sue Dickenson (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on
HJR 52, Study problem gambling.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:02 Gene Huntington, Administrator, Gambling Control
Division, Department of Justice
00:13:57 Rich Miller, Gaming Industry
00:16:44 Pat Melby, Rimrock Foundation
00:17:46 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Coin Operators Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:55 Rep. McAlpin
00:20:08 Rep. Dickenson
00:22:11 Rep. Peterson
00:22:29 Rep. Dickenson
00:23:29 Rep. Peterson
00:24:05 Rep. McGillvray
00:24:41 Rep. Dickenson
00:25:31 Rep. McGillvray
00:25:41 Rep. Dickenson
00:25:58 Rep. McGillvray
00:26:13 Rep. Dickenson
00:27:01 Rep. McGillvray
00:27:10 Rep. Dickenson
00:27:44 Rep. Dutton
00:28:32 Rep. Dickenson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:33 Rep. Dickenson
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[EXHIBIT\(huh72a02\)](#)

HEARING ON HJR 48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:12 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HJR 48, Study health insurance reform and publicly funded health care programs.

EXHIBIT (huh72a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:50 Tanya Ask, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana
00:36:34 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association
00:39:20 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:40:35 Jackie Boyle, American Association of Retired People Montana
00:41:37 Gordon Higgins, State Auditor's Office
00:42:38 Jim Ahrens, Montana Hospital Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:43:08 Mary Dalton, Administrator, Health Resources Division, Department of Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:34 Rep. Becker
00:44:33 Rep. MacLaren
00:46:07 Rep. Becker
00:46:24 Rep. MacLaren
00:47:19 Rep. Sands
00:48:39 Rep. MacLaren
00:49:22 Rep. Sands
00:49:35 Rep. MacLaren
00:49:59 Rep. Reinhart
00:50:16 Mr. Melby
00:50:58 Rep. Reinhart
00:51:14 Mr. Melby
00:52:39 Rep. Reinhart
00:52:52 Rep. MacLaren
00:53:17 Rep. Dutton
00:53:55 Rep. MacLaren
00:54:13 Rep. Dutton
00:54:24 Rep. McGillvray
00:54:47 Rep. MacLaren
00:55:15 Rep. McGillvray
00:55:37 Ms. Ask
00:56:08 Rep. Becker

00:56:47 Rep. MacLaren

00:57:31 Rep. Stoker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:38 Rep. MacLaren

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

REP. RON STOKER, Chairman

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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